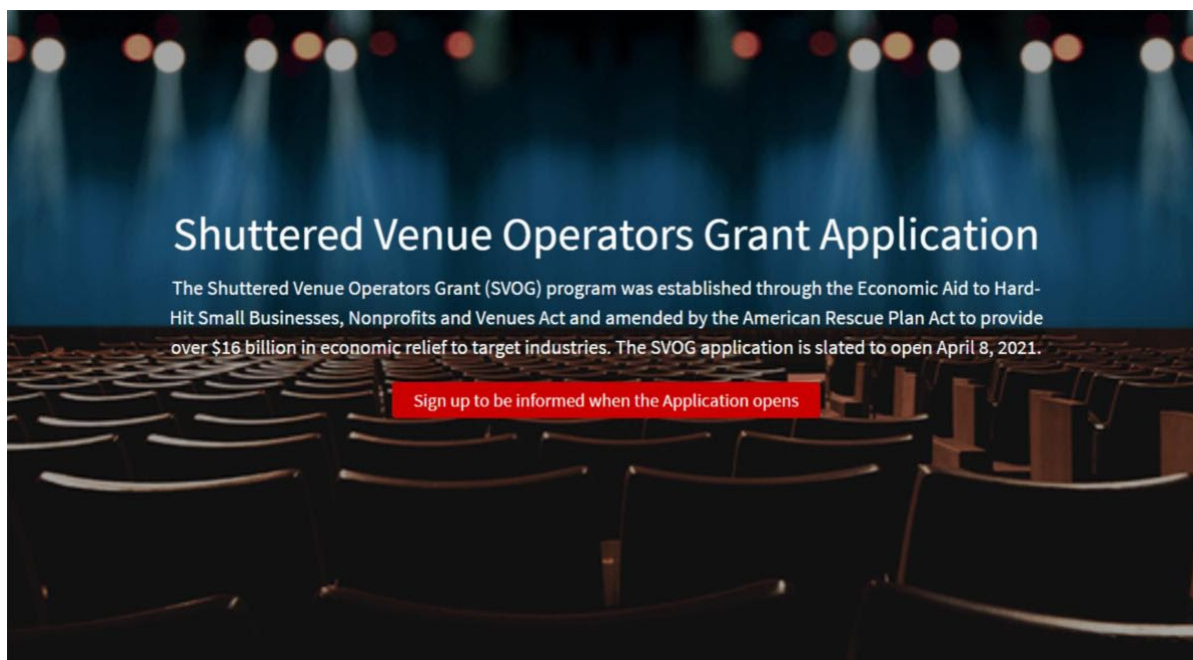


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## Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Application

The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program was established through the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits and Venues Act and amended by the American Rescue Plan Act to provide over \$16 billion in economic relief to target industries. The SVOG application is slated to open April 8, 2021.

Sign up to be informed when the Application opens

The long-awaited Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program will begin accepting applications on **April 8**. A new [application portal](#) is now available, and prospective applicants are encouraged to join the Small Business Administration for an [informational webinar](#) on **March 30**. Applicants are encouraged to review SBA guidance, including the most recent program [FAQ](#), closely and direct specific questions to [svogrant@sba.gov](mailto:svogrant@sba.gov).

The deadline to apply for second-draw [Paycheck Protection Program](#) loans has been extended to **May 31**, per legislation Congress passed on Thursday. In addition, organizations may now apply for both Paycheck Protection Program *and* Shuttered Venue Operators Grant funds. According to the SBA:

- Organizations receiving both forms of aid will have their SVO grant award amount reduced by their PPP loan amount.
- Organizations that received a first-draw PPP loan in the first quarter of 2021 now have up to eight more weeks to spend down those funds, and then apply for a second-draw PPP loan before May 31.
- Organizations that plan to submit an SVO grant application on or after April 8 – and apply for a PPP loan – must apply for the PPP before applying for the SVO grant.

## Stories of Resilience

Iowa Arts & Culture Emergency Relief Fund grantees have demonstrated strength and ingenuity in the face of adversity.

To mark one year of the pandemic, we're sharing their stories, beginning with Stephens Auditorium in Ames, East of Omaha in Griswold, and the historic Wieting Theatre in Toledo. [Read our latest blog](#) to learn how they persevered and found new ways to continue serving their audiences during these challenging times.



[READ THE BLOG](#)

## We're Hiring!

Are you an organized and highly motivated professional who is skilled at project management and passionate about arts and culture across Iowa? The Iowa Arts Council plans to expand its team and hire an **Arts Programs and Operations Coordinator**.

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## Iowa Arts Council Team News

The Iowa Arts Council would like to recognize and re-introduce several team members who have recently assumed new roles and duties:

### **Veronica O'Hern**

*Senior Program and Operations Manager*

Veronica O'Hern joined the Iowa Arts Council in 2010. During her tenure, she has launched several new initiatives, notably the Iowa Artist Fellowship program, and developed creative partnerships and programs to support Iowa artists and filmmakers. In her new role, Veronica will continue to oversee arts programming while taking on responsibilities related to federal-state relations, program evaluation and operations.

**Jennie Knoebel***Program Manager, Arts Learning, Capacity Building and Humanities*

Jennie Knoebel joined the Iowa Arts Council in 2016 after leading the Austin Area Commission for the Arts and earning a master's degree in arts management. She has launched new arts learning initiatives, including the Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit and Iowa Arts Learning in Libraries program, while strengthening the capacity of arts and cultural organizations. In her new role, Jennie will assume new responsibilities related to humanities grants.

**Lindsay Keast***Program Manager, Arts and Creativity*

Lindsay Keast joined the Iowa Arts Council in 2018 after holding positions with the Des Moines Music Coalition and completing a master's degree in art history. In her new role, Lindsay looks forward to collaborating with partners to increase the visibility and entrepreneurial capacity of Iowa's creative workforce, while also promoting diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion in the arts.



## Poetry Out Loud Winner

Congratulations to Marshalltown High School's Elijah Thiessen, who took first place in the 2021 Poetry Out Loud state finals and will compete in May for the national championship.

With the victory, Thiessen received a \$200 prize and \$500 for his school to purchase poetry books. More

than 260 Iowa students participated in this year's virtual competition, supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and overseen by the Iowa Arts Council.



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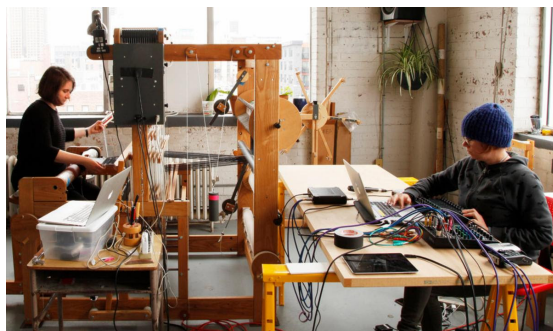
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### Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit Online June 17

Co-presented by the Iowa Arts Council, Iowa Department of Education and the Iowa Alliance for Arts Education, this year's virtual summit features a keynote address and breakout sessions about how arts educators can deepen [social and emotional learning](#) in the classroom and outside of school. **Registration opens April 1.**

## Have an upcoming virtual or live-streaming event?

Partner with the Iowa Arts Council to gain more exposure and/or resources through the Iowa Keeps Creating initiative.



**Iowa Keeps Creating Initiative**



**Iowa Keeps Creating: Digital Stage**



We're looking to support, amplify and celebrate Iowa-based artists, musicians, filmmakers, live performance artists and creative writers in order to show that **#IowaKeepsCreating**. Partner with us to gain more exposure and/or resources for your event through the Iowa Keeps Creating initiative.

[SUBMIT AN EVENT](#)

Do you have a previously recorded short film, music, dance or literary reading video? Gain more exposure and/or resources by submitting it to the **Iowa Keeps Creating: Digital Stage!** We are currently accepting proposals for the Digital Stage based on the theme "Arts and Healing."

[SUBMIT AN IDEA](#)

## Research & Resources in the Arts

Visiting museums is safer than almost any other indoor activity, according to [new research](#) by the Berlin Institute of Technology.

Amid calls for museums, theaters and others to be more active and visible in advancing social justice, [a recent report](#) suggests ways that arts organizations can learn from the equity practices of other sectors and better align their mission and operations to meet community needs.



Kehinde Wiley's artwork at the new Moynihan Train Hall in New York.

## Coming Up

### Grants

Open: [Coronavirus Relief Fund Registered Apprenticeship Expansion Grant Opportunities](#)

Now-May 26: [The Wellmark Foundation 2021 MATCH Grant](#)

March 30: [Build With Bags Grant](#)

March 31: [USArtists International Grant Program](#)

April 5: [Uprise Grant for BIPOC Filmmakers](#)

April 9: [BIPOC Deaf Arts Grant](#)

April 22: [NEA Challenge America](#)

April 23: [Harpo Foundation New Work Project Grants](#)

May 3: [Annuity Freedom Artist Grant](#)

May 3: [Annuity Freedom Black Business Grants & Minority Resources](#)

May 3: [Annuity Freedom Small Business Grant for Women](#)

### Student Opportunities

June 1: [ICF Student Composers Competition](#)

### Calls for Artists

March 28: [Barcelona Contemporary 2021](#)

March 28: [Play + Inspire Virtual Exhibition](#)

March 28: [Translucent Souls](#)

March 29: [Public Art at the Marshalltown Performing Arts Center](#)

March 29: [Czech Village New Bohemia Mural](#)

March 29: [Dubuque Museum of Art Biennial](#)

March 31: [2021 Beaujolais Nouveau Artist Label Contest](#)

March 31: [WDMurals](#)

March 31: [Create! Magazine Print Issue #26](#)

March 31: [Stevens Point Sculpture Park](#)

May 3: [Arts Midwest GIG Fund](#)

May 3: [Cultural Leadership Partners](#)

May 3: [Greenlight Grants](#)

May 3: [Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants \(for artists\)](#)

May 3: [Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants \(for nonprofits\)](#)

Aug. 1: [ASF Scandinavian Folk Arts Fellowships and Grants](#)

## Professional Development

April 28: [Merge: Nation's Best Emerging Artists with Disabilities](#)

April 30: [Kolaj Institute's Social Justice Collage Workshop](#)

June 23: [Teaching Artists Guild Webinars](#)

March 31: [Tiny Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, or Art](#)

April 4: [Marshalltown Mural, McGregors Furniture & Mattress](#)

April 6: [Clear Lake Arts Center Sculpture Exhibition](#)

April 10: [Rochester Contemporary Art Center 6x6](#)

April 22: [The Write Contest and Community Short Story Contest](#)

April 28: [Merge: Nation's Best Emerging Artists With Disabilities](#)

April 30: [Meltdown Exhibition](#)

May 10: [National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame](#)

May 12: [Women's Work](#)

Oct. 31: [Sunspot Literary Journal](#)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



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